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| <b>AMENDMENT UNDER<br/>37 C.F.R. §1.111</b><br><br>Address to:<br>Assistant Commissioner for Patents<br>Washington, D.C. 20231<br>Box Amendment | Application Number   | 09/904,180  |
|   | Confirmation Number  | 1187  |
|   | Filing Date          | July 11, 2001   |
|   | First Named Inventor | Keith D. Allen  |
|   | Examiner             | Daniel M. Sullivan  |
|   | Group Art            | 1636  |
|   | Title                | Transgenic Mice Containing Stefin Homolog Protease Inhibitor Gene Disruptions |
|   | Attorney Docket No.  | R-477   |

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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated January 14, 2003 for which a three-month period for response was given, making this response due on or before April 14, 2003. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks set forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Applicants note that those claims not amended herein are being reiterated solely for the convenience of the Examiner.

**AMENDMENTS**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of January 14, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the following claims to read as indicated:

1. (Twice Amended) A targeting construct, comprising:
  - (a) a first polynucleotide sequence homologous to at least a first portion of an endogenous murine stefin homolog gene comprising SEQ ID NO: 1;
  - (b) a second polynucleotide sequence homologous to at least a second portion of the stefin homolog gene;